

June 2, 2009

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Ms. Melissa Cryan
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street – Suite 900
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Dear Ms. Cryan,

The Amherst Select Board enthusiastically supports the Open Space and Recreation Plan. This document expresses our community's values and goals, and provides a framework to help us plan for the future.

Considerable public input and expertise have informed the creation of this plan. While individuals may differ on some of its specifics, the broad strokes capture Amherst's shared priorities for land conservation, agricultural preservation and outdoor recreation. A key element is the emphasis on analyzing land use demands in order to achieve appropriate balance among them.

We hope you will approve this plan.

Sincerely,

Stephanie O'Keeffe, Chair

Alisa Brewer

Aaron Hayden, Clerk

Diana Stein

Gerald Weiss